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"A SWAYING BATTLE" CONDITION OF THE KING'S HEALTH FLUCTUATING SYMPTOMS

Privy Council Meet Near His Majesty's Bedroom STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

As one of the latest telegrams to hand states, the King is now "fighting a swaying battle" in the struggle with his serious illness. Yesterday His Majesty had a less comfortable day with a rise of temperature. He was, however, "stronger and better" last night. A Privy Council meeting was held yesterday morning next door to the King's bedroom—the door leading to the bedroom being open so that His Majesty, a few feet away, was fully cognizant of all the proceedings.

COUNCILLORS OF STATE APPOINTED

A British Official Wireless message from London, dated Dec. 4, 8 p.m., states:
The five doctors in attendance on the King held a consultation at Buckingham Palace this afternoon and at 3.30 the following bulletin was issued:

"His Majesty the King passed a quiet morning. Though his temperature is now 100.2, the slight improvement in his general condition noted in the last bulletin is maintained.

Signed—Sir S. Hewitt, Sir E. F. Whitty, Sir E. Buzzard, Sir H. Rolleston and Lord Dawson of Penn.

Evening Bulletin
The evening bulletin stated that a rise in temperature noted in the afternoon's report persists and as a result the King is rather less comfortable. Otherwise his condition remains unchanged.

Doctor Remains All Night

London, Yesterday.
Sir Stanley Hewitt remained at the Palace last night as a matter of convenience so that if any attention upon the King proved necessary he would be in readiness. Sir Stanley has on previous occasions since the beginning of the King's illness stayed at the Palace for a night, so that no serious significance is indicated by his presence.

"Fighting a Swaying Battle"
A Reuter telegram states that the King is fighting a swaying battle. He had a less comfortable day with a rise in temperature. These are part of the fluctuating symptoms. The anticipated natural sleep the King obtained on Monday night and early today has done much good. The King accordingly is better and stronger to-night than on Monday and Sunday.

Sir Stanley Hewitt is staying his third night at the Palace as a matter of convenience.

Statement In The Commons

A statement was made in the House of Commons this afternoon regarding the setting up of a State Commission to act for the King.
Mr. R. C. Clynes, on behalf of the Labour Party, asked the Premier whether any arrangements had been made for the transaction of business during the regrettable illness of His Majesty.

Putting the question, Mr. Clynes said: Would you allow me to say how delighted all of us will be soon to receive the best possible news of His Majesty's recovery to health. (Cheers from all parts of House.)

Mr. Baldwin's Reply
The Premier replied: "I am glad to be able to inform the House that His Majesty was well enough this morning to enable a meeting of the Privy Council to be held. His Majesty is pleased to nominate Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and the Prime Minister to be Counsellors of State for the summoning and holding of a Privy Council and for the transacting of other matters on behalf of His Majesty. The Order in Council was signed by His Majesty.

Large Silent Crowds
The progress of the King's illness continues to be watched with affectionate concern by all classes of the community here. Again today there were large silent crowds constantly outside Buckingham Palace waiting the posting of the news on the palace sallies. In the early morning it has become customary for workers on the way

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FIRST TEST MATCH IS FINISHED

AUSTRALIA FLOPS

ENGLAND'S GREAT VICTORY—BY 675 RUNS

PLAY ENDS EARLY ON 5TH DAY

England beat Australia by 675 runs in the First Test Match of the present tour. The final scores are:—

England	521
2nd Innings:	342
.....	863
for 8 wks., dec.	
Australia	122
2nd Innings:	66

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Play on the morning of the fifth day sufficed to bring the Test to an end and put England one up.

The overnight score was 17 runs for 1 wicket (Woodfull 4 not out and Kippax 6 not out). Australia added 49 runs and lost her remaining wickets before lunch.

Although Australia has played below form and has had ill-luck in the way of casualties, the small score comes as a surprise. It is not the smallest total in Tests between England and Australia. The lowest on record are:—

35, by Australia, at Edgbaston, in 1902.

42, by Australia, at Sydney, in 1887-8.

44, by Australia, at the Oval, in 1895.

45, by England, at Sydney, in 1886-7.

Sensational Bowling

Brisbane, To-day.

Play lasted only an hour and three minutes to-day, the whole of Australia's 2nd innings having occupied an hour and 27 minutes.

J. C. White, the vice-captain of the M.C.C. team, was unplayable because of his length, break and spin.

At the conclusion of the match, hundreds ran on to the ground to examine the pitch to see how White had taken four wickets for seven runs in six overs (two maidens).

Larwood brought off four catches, one off his own bowling. Tate took the other two wickets, giving him five for the match. Chapman held three catches, making his total bag for the match also four.

W. M. Woodfull, batted through Australia's innings and was undefeated at the close.

Tale of Disasters

Kippax was out when only 16 runs had been added, making the total 83 for 2. His partnership with Woodfull was the biggest in the innings, producing 11 overnight and 16 to-day, making 27 in all.

Hendry provided White with his first victim, going at 46 for 3. Of the 13 runs put on, Hendry claimed six.

Ryder made one, being caught by Larwood (his third of the morning), off Tate—47 for 4.

Bradman made one—49 for 5; Oldfield made five—62 for 6; Grimmett made one—68 for 7; Ironmonger got a duck—66 for 8.

The innings was over because Kelleway and Gregory had become incapacitated.

In his innings of 87 minutes (from start to end) Woodfull made 80 not out. One extra was conceded.

The crowd only numbered 2,000. The weather was bright and pleasant.

The wicket was soft but the ball rose up in a devilish manner.

The last innings score is as follows:—

Australian—2nd Innings

W. M. Woodfull, not out

W. H. Ponsford, c Duckworth, b Larwood,

A. F. Kippax, c & b Larwood, b White,

H. L. Hendry, c Larwood, b J. S. Ryder, c Larwood, b Tate

D. Bradman, c Chapman, b White,

W. A. Oldfield, c Larwood, b Tate,

C. V. Grimmett, c Chapman, b White,

H. Ironmonger, c Chapman, b White,

Extra

Total

C. Kelleway, J. M. Gregory absent, hurt.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 6 runs (Ponsford), 2 for 38 runs (Kippax), 3 for 46 runs (Hendry), 4 for 47 runs (Ryder), 5 for 49 runs

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HANDSOME DONATION FOR PALESTINE

£100,000

LORD MELCHETT'S INTEREST IN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JEWISH COLONISATION

London, Yesterday.

The central office of the Zionist Organisation announced that Lord Melchett has subscribed £100,000 to the Jewish Colonisation Corporation in Palestine, which will shortly be established as the outcome of the recent conference in New York for the purpose of securing the adherence of non-Zionists to the enlargement of a Jewish agency in Palestine.—Reuter.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

GIRL'S FALL FROM SECOND FLOOR

COAL COOLIE DROWNED

A number of fatal accidents were reported yesterday from different parts of the Colony. The victims were immediately rushed to hospital.

FRESH AND FINE

N. E. winds, fresh and fine, is the forecast till noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone over China has weakened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the north China Sea.

HAD THE "KITTY"

YAUMATI GAMING FLAT RAIDED

TAKINGS TO PAY RENT

A sequel to a raid by a squad of detectives at No. 67, Wai Ching-street, Yaumati, yesterday, was seen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when twelve Chinese, said to be foks of a paper factory, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of gambling.

First and second defendants were also charged with "keeping" a common gaming house. The others pleaded guilty to gambling and were each fined \$2 or four days.

Whilst admitting that they had gambled, first and second defendants pleaded "not guilty" to the second charge.

Evidence by a Chinese detective indicated that Det. Sergeant Mottram carried out the raid, on information received. Admission was gained easily, the detective stating that he had only to push the door open. A game of "Sam Kung" was in progress, a crowd of people surrounding the table. Sitting beside the table was first defendant with a box in front of him.

INDIA'S REFORMS

SIMON COMMISSION BOYCOTTED

UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE

Allahabad, Yesterday.

As a protest against the alleged unnecessary violence of the police in dealing with Nationalist Demonstrators against the Simon Commission at Lahore and Lucknow, where the late Lal Bahadur was injured, Motilal Nehru has appealed to Nationalist newspapers to refrain from publishing the proceedings of the Commission, and is also urging a social boycott of the participants in the "assaults" on the demonstrators and also of all who are co-operating with the Commission.

Landlords' Views
The United Provinces Landlords' Association has rescinded its previous decision to boycott the Simon Commission and has submitted a memorandum of their views to Sir John Simon. It has announced the appointment of a small committee to three wings of the Conference to enquire into the claims of depressed and other backward classes in the United Provinces.—Reuter.

NOT GUILTY
An Indian watchman named Kehar Singh (30) yesterday drank carbolic acid in mistake for gin. He was at once taken from the Sang Lee Contractors' match to the Government Civil Hospital.

(Bradman), 6 for 62 runs (Oldfield), 7 for 66 runs (Grimmett), 8 for 68 runs (Ironmonger).

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. E. W.

Larwood

Tate

White

Hammond

Earlier scores and report on pages 9 and 11.

S. AFRICA'S TREATY WITH GERMANY

M.P.'S QUERIES

ANOTHER STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT

THE TREATY EXPLAINED

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, replying to a question in the House of Commons respecting the commercial treaty between the South African Government and the German Government, said that His Majesty's Government in Great Britain were informed of the negotiations which led to the signature of this treaty. The treaty, which did not come into force pending ratification, provided that goods produced or manufactured in Germany would on importation to the Union of South Africa be entitled to the same treatment as similar goods produced or manufactured in any other country, subject to this provision, that in case of goods in respect of which preferential treatment was under existing South African legislation specially accorded to other parts of the British Empire, Germany would not be able to claim any such minimum rates or rebates actually granted to other parts of the Empire.—British Wireless Service.

YEO TRIAL EVIDENCE COMPLETE

SPEECH IN DEFENCE

MR. JENKIN SITS DOWN TO END ARGUMENT

BANK MAN IN WITNESS BOX

This afternoon, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., will open his address for the defence, on the twelfth day, in the trial of Carvalho Yeo on the counts of forgery and uttering of three cheques purported to have been drawn by the Treasury on the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Evidence has been completed. Dr. J. L. Shellshear, a Professor of the University, was re-examined by Mr. Jenkin this morning, the cross-examination by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (for the Crown), having begun on Monday, being concluded yesterday. Mr. Jenkin called only one other witness for the Bank.

After Mr. Jenkin's speech, Mr. Potter will reply, the Judge (Mr. Justice Jackson) will sum up and the special jury will be asked for their finding.

There were passages between counsel again this morning, during the evidence of Mr. Green of the Hong Kong Bank, culminating in Mr. Jenkin refusing to resume examination on a point at first disputed by the prosecution.

Mr. Alves Point

Mr. J. M. Alves, one of the special jurors, drew attention to the fact that neither side had gone into the composition of the ink used on the cheques exhibited in Court.

Mr. Jenkin confined his re-examination of Dr. Shellshear to what he called "new points" raised by the Crown only yesterday, and which were not mentioned in the opening by the prosecution.

Mr. Jenkin referred to Osborne's book on handwriting printed in 1910, and got from Dr. Shellshear an admission that the author of that book is recognised as the greatest authority in the world on the subject. Witness also agreed that another book by the same author, published in 1922, was a worthy successor to the earlier work, and said that he was conversant with this book.

Mr. Jenkin then read a paragraph from Osborne's book, explaining to the Court that he was doing so to show that the cross-examination of Dr. Shellshear had proceeded on wrong lines.

Quality
Dr. Shellshear agreed with Mr. Jenkin that examination should bear on the handwriting as a whole, and not on forms and designs alone, and on accidental or insignificant variations. He also agreed that incorrect reasoning could infer forgery from differences, and genuineness from resemblance.

In his examination, therefore, the witness had kept his mind more on the quality of the handwriting, than on the outline and form of letters.

Mr. Jenkin then told Dr. Shellshear that if his (witness's) opinion was sound, both the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer) and Mr. T. Black (Cashier) would appear to have been wrong. If Dr. Shellshear was aware of that, was his expressed opinion affected in any way?—asked Mr. Jenkin. Dr. Shellshear replied that it was not.

41 Words
Answering another question, witness said that if he had been engaged by the Crown in this case, he would have given them the same opinion as that expressed by him in Court.

Mr. Jenkin then examined the witness on technicalities which were put to him in cross-examination yesterday, pointing out that for the first time yesterday, there was a suggestion of shakiness in one of the words appearing on one of the three disputed cheques, and asked: "Does not Osborne and every authority place on the vanguard of views the presence of shakiness in handwriting?"—Dr. Shellshear agreed.

Mr. Jenkin then suggested to the witness that there were 41 written words on the three disputed cheques and in only one word was there the suggestion of shakiness. Witness concurred.

Dr. Shellshear said definitely in reply to another question that there was no hesitation or shakiness in the putting of pen on paper in the

PRES. COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE

CHINA TRADE

REFERS TO AMERICA'S PROSPERITY

U. S. NAVAL NEEDS

Washington, Yesterday.

Pres. Coolidge's annual Message to Congress refers to America's bounding material prosperity and freedom from industrial strife, and stresses the peace and goodwill in the foreign field arising from mutual understanding. The reduction of taxation and economies in the public administration had resulted in an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in the national income while last year the National Debt had been reduced by \$906,000,000.

He stated that the Pan-American Conference of last year contributed to a better understanding and co-operation in the New World.

Thanks to American intervention, at the request of the Nicaraguan Government, Nicaragua was regaining her prosperity and had taken a long step in the direction of peaceful self-government.

Americo-Mexican relations were more satisfactory than at any time since the Mexican revolution and gave promise of a final adjustment of all unsettled questions.

Trade with China
The position in China was much improved, and American trade there was increasing and her forces were being reduced.

As regards the Navy the United States have 10 comparatively new and 22 old cruisers, and it was evident that renewals and replacements must be provided.

The President repeated his desire for the passage in the Senate of the 15 Cruiser Bill.

"I wish to repeat, for the benefit of the timid and suspicious, that this country is neither 'militaristic nor imperialistic.'"

Pres. Coolidge concluded by stating: "Regarding smaller countries our entire influence is on behalf of their independence and we are more anxious than they to have their sovereignty respected.—Reuter's American Service.

Peculiarity
Questioned with regard to the prosecution's contention that the word "Messrs." was not on the line, but curved somewhat below the line, a peculiarity which the Crown held to be evidence of forgery, Dr. Shellshear agreed with Mr. Jenkin that in two bundles of admittedly genuine cheques which he had examined, he had found six "Messrs." in which the word "Messrs." showed the same peculiarity.

On another point raised by the Crown that the up stroke of the letter "y" was heavier than the down stroke in the disputed cheques, whereas in the genuine ones the down stroke was heavier than the other, Dr. Shellshear said: that he had also found the reverse, characterised as peculiar to the disputed cheques, on at least one of the admittedly genuine cheques.

The Ink
After further evidence of a similarly technical nature, Dr. Shellshear was handed the cheque alleged to have been drawn by Yeo on the Instone Banking Corporation; on examining the writing on this cheque and comparing with that on both the disputed cheques and some genuine cheques, he said that the writing was entirely different.

Mr. J. M. Alves, a member of the special jury, said that he had noticed that during the trial counsel on both sides had not raised the subject of quality of ink used on the genuine and disputed cheques, and asked Dr. Shellshear if, as an expert, he thought that was an important point. Dr. Shellshear agreed that it was an important point, but said that not being a qualified chemist he could not give an opinion.

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SADO MARU Wednesday, 10th December.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 23rd January.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
MURORAN MARU Thursday, 18th December.
NAGATO MARU Friday, 28th December.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
GINYO MARU Tuesday, 18th December.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
WAKASA MARU Saturday, 8th December.
NEW YORK AND BOSTON via PANAMA.
ASUKA MARU Wednesday, 12th December.
TAKAKA MARU Thursday, 27th December.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
DAKAR MARU Friday, 21st December.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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MORIOKA MARU Sunday, 16th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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BENGAL MARU Saturday, 8th December.
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ANDES MARU Monday, 10th December.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 29th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th December.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
CELEBS MARU Tuesday, 18th December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai & Japan
Ports.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 7th December.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
MADRAS MARU Thursday, 6th December.
SAIGON
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 6th December 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
ATLAS MARU Wednesday, 12th December.
BATAVIA MARU Thursday, 20th December.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 9th December, Noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

MASTERS' STATUS

3RD ANNUAL MEETING OF "HON. CO."

IMPROVEMENT HOPE?

Writing to the Editor of the "Journal of Commerce," a Clydesider says:—
My attention has been drawn to the report in a recent issue of "The Journal of Commerce" of the third annual meeting of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners. The chairman referred, inter alia, to an improvement in the status of shipmasters as a result of its activities. I would like to believe that this was so, but the personal association with shipmasters imposed on me by my calling leads me to think that in the case of that section, incomparably the larger, which commands our tramps and cargo steamers, it is little more than a pious hope.

As an example, a friend who is at present first officer of a passenger steamer in the Atlantic service informed me that quite recently he had been offered command of a tramp steamer of 8,000 tons, deadweight at a salary of \$26 10s. per month. As he is receiving \$38 the offer was not considered. Perhaps it is unnecessary to explain that under the title "first officer" is disguised the more humble Board of Trade rank of second mate, and that the responsibility of the second mate of any vessel, however large, is insignificant by comparison with that of the master of an 8,000-ton tramp steamer. I dare say someone less fortunately circumstanced took the job. The status of a shipmaster at such wage might be raised by dynamite; it is difficult to think of any other means. This figure is admittedly rather below the average, which, as I stated in a former letter, is from \$30 to \$40 per month, the inadequacy of which in these days to maintain any but a very humble status is too evident to merit further comment.

It should be needless to stress the fact that status and remuneration are interdependent, and it, therefore, seems fatuous to speak, as was done at the meeting referred to, of raising the status of shipmasters to the level of shipowners and underwriters, in view of the disparity in their earnings, and particularly so when it is hoped to attain this ideal without infringing on the question of wages.

Equality of Status

It is somewhat difficult to understand what is meant by raising the shipmaster to the level of the shipowner, even if it is agreed that the share of each is of equal importance to the industry, as it is impossible to ignore the fact that the job of the one is in the gift of the other, and in such relationship equality of status is impossible. No sensible shipmaster expects such elevation, but he has a right to expect such recompense for his responsibility, skill, risk and hardships as will enable him to maintain and rear a family at a suitable standard of comfort and to put by a sufficient sum yearly so that he need not remain at sea till he goes over the side with two old firebrats at his feet. As an ex-shipmaster, I can appreciate the ideals by which the Company of Master Mariners were as comparatively well paid as the small section of them which compose its membership it would have my humble blessing and support. Where I join issue with them is that they pursue a policy which seems, perhaps in ignorance of them, to disregard the conditions prevailing in the greater part of the Merchant Service.

Status may be broadly defined as the position which a person holds in the public estimation in virtue of his merit, calling, or wealth. The status of his calling, or profession, is less easily defined, but its relationship to pecuniary rewards is undeniable. In the profession of a master mariner there are distinct grades of status, and the difficulty of reducing or raising them to a common level would be insuperable. What would be the common denominator for the master of a liner at \$1,000 a year, and the master of a tramp steamer at \$400?

I believe that Adam Smith would have held that the latter was the more indispensable and valuable to the community, yet mainly on account of the greater publicity received by the former he stands higher in public estimation, and commands a better social status. His position in public esteem does not explain the difference in remuneration which is due to the greater value of his vessel, the greater number of lives in his charge, added to the operation of freight and passage rings which enables a higher proportionate rate to be paid to him than is possible for the owner who has to compete for freights in the open market. The latter fact has been used by the owners of these vessels as a plea for reducing their shipmasters' wages to a level which bears no real economic relation to the value of their services, and it is for this very considerable and most important section of the masters of the merchant service that improvement in status and remuneration is urgently called for.

Contradictory

It seems an evasion of the issue for the Company of Master Mariners to declare that this aspect of the matter is properly the business of the existing shipmasters' and officers' protective societies. The inference to be drawn from this declaration is that the company and these societies are complementary, but this could only be so if remuneration was more equitable. As it is they are contradictory, as by concentrating on status without reference to earnings the Company of Master Mariners will convey an impression to the public that shipmasters in the merchant service are a well paid body of men who, for some unworthy reason, are being denied the social recognition to which their incomparable services to the community entitles them.

The existing shipmasters' societies are thus handicapped in their endeavours to obtain better conditions of pay by an ill-advised propaganda which will deny them the public sympathy on which the success of their efforts ultimately depends. The number of such organisations is confusing to shipmasters who, in view of their rival claims, are at a loss which to support, and their bargaining power is dissipated by their disavowal. Some scheme of federation is required as it is only from such a body, strongly supported, that any hope of real improvement in the position of shipmasters can be placed.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. and O. s.s. "Khiva," from Hong Kong, arrived in London on Dec. 3 at 5 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai on Monday at 4.30 p.m. left Shanghai yesterday at 2 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 3 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 5 p.m., and is due here on Dec. 7 at about 6 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Middlesbrough, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Monday, and is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 9th inst.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 1, and is due here on Dec. 20. She will sail for Manila on Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 15, and is due here on or about Dec. 24.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Ben-ruchan" are reminded to take delivery of their goods, which will be subject to rent after Dec. 8.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Suveric" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after Dec. 8.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Chester" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after Dec. 10.

"ANKING" PIRACY

ALLEGED PIRATE TO STAND HIS TRIAL

PRISONER'S PROPERTY

Yesterday afternoon the preliminary hearing was concluded in the case in which Yuen Ping-kwan is charged, before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., with having been concerned in the piracy on board the B. and S. s.s. "Anking." Accused was committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Prisoner was arrested on board a Hoklo boat which was stopped by a police launch as it was entering Lymoon Pass. When the hold was searched, prisoner was found lying in it apparently ill. On his person was found a quantity of money (Dutch and other currencies), whilst in a shelf in a corner of the hold were discovered some jewellery, all of which the prisoner claimed as his property.

As he was unable to satisfactorily account for the possession of the money and property, prisoner was detained at the Tsimshatsui Police Station. Then he was put up for identification on the arrival of the "Anking" in Hong Kong, and several witnesses identified him as one of the pirates who had apparently been sea-sick, and was seen lying on a couch in the ship's saloon during the time the ship was in the pirates' hands.

None of the jewellery claimed by the prisoner has been identified, however, as having formed part of the loot taken away by the pirates. This is not surprising, as most of the passengers on the "Anking" were not for Hong Kong, and have since returned to their homes.

BRITISH SEAMEN

THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION

The Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade inform the Imperial Merchant Service Guild that his Majesty's Minister in Norway has drawn their attention to cases in which British seamen engaged in Britain for service in Norwegian ships and discharged in Norway have had to bear the cost of their own repatriation. His Majesty's Minister points out that under Norwegian law such seamen are not entitled to repatriation at the expense of the ship unless a stipulation for such repatriation is specifically included in their agreements.

A case has also come to the Board's notice in which a British crew was engaged to deliver a fishing vessel which had been sold to foreign purchasers. The vessel, which sailed from Britain under a foreign flag, was lost with all hands, and the Board understand that the dependants of the crew have been unable to obtain any compensation, liability being repudiated on the ground that the Workmen's Compensation Act does not apply to a foreign ship. The Board suggest that the Guild may wish to draw the attention of their members to the fact that British officers and seamen accepting employment in a foreign ship may not have the same rights as under British law as regards repatriation, compensation and other matters, and would, therefore, be well advised to see that their interests are properly safeguarded by stipulations in the articles of agreement.

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EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 18
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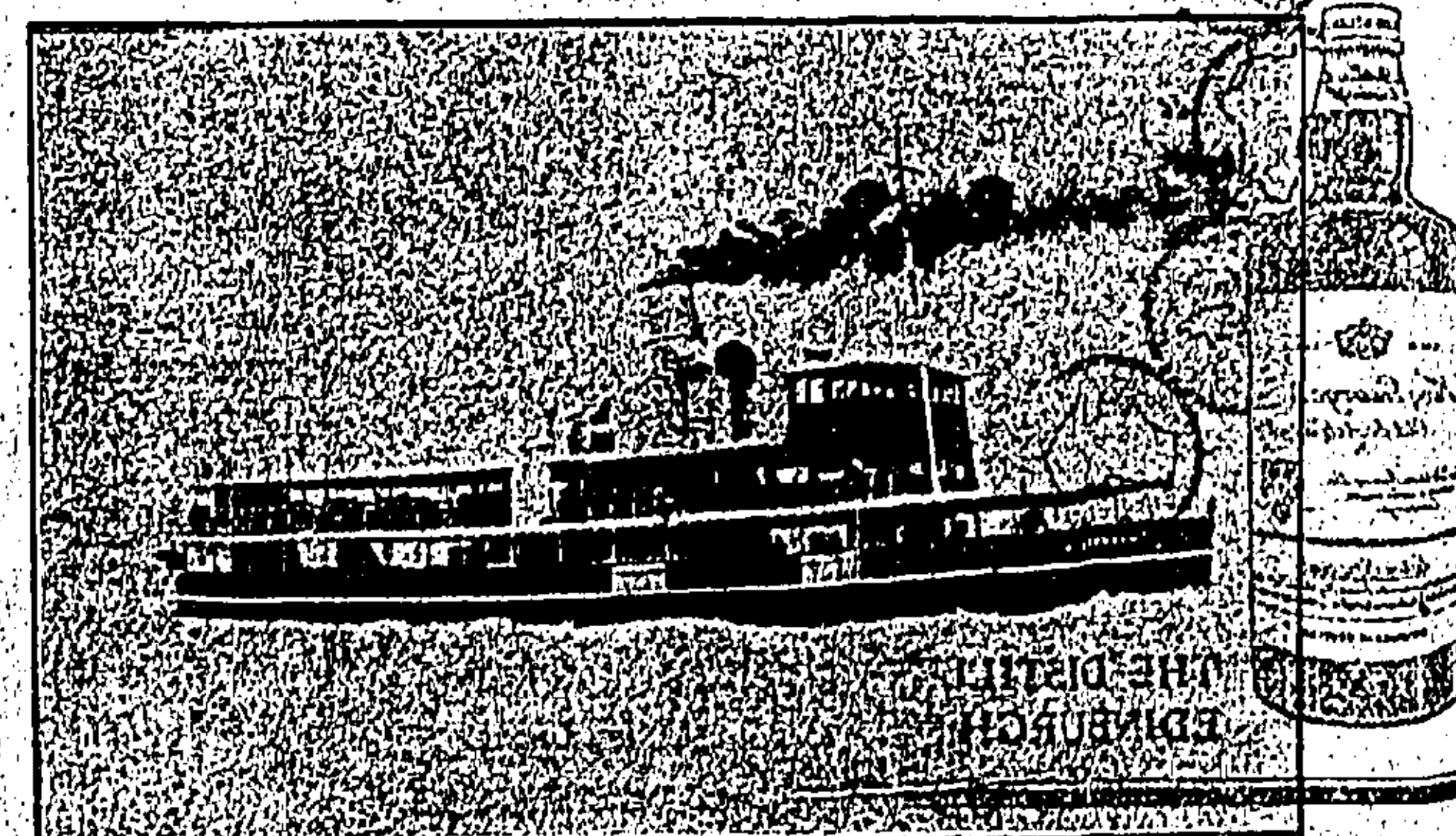
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OUR AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Though it is still quite a while
yet before the date—January 5
and 6—of the opening of the
Agricultural Show in the New
Territories, the final ar-
rangements, it is interest-
ing to learn, have been
considered; and no doubt the
Committee who have the matter
in hand see well ahead with re-
gard to the forthcoming Show as
a whole. The residents of the
Colony—especially the European
and American residents—cannot
by any stretch of imagination be
termed an "agriculture com-
munity," and it will be all the
more necessary for special
activity being exercised to in-
terest them in the project. That
the object in view has the whole-
hearted sympathy of the public
generally we feel certain. But
something more than "sympathy"
is needed if the good work done
by the comparative few is to
have a lasting benefit upon the
many. The object aimed at is
"the encouragement of farmers
and land-owners in producing
more and better fruit, vegetables,
produce, poultry and eggs," in
the fine stretch of arable
soil which we possess in the
New Territories and which could
easily be made much more val-
uable than it is, much more pro-
ductive than it has ever been, if
more scientific treatment were
adopted. That is, of course, what
the Show Committee has all along
had in view and for which they
strive last year and for which they
continue to strive now.

On the whole, the response of
the Chinese resident in the New
Territories was quite gratifying
last year when the first Show

was held; after a considerable
amount of solid work had been
done. The Show itself could not
be regarded as quite a success
from the attendance point of
view, but as that was not the
primary object and as those for
whom it was intended chiefly to
interest really were interested,
the good work accomplished
planted the seeds from which we
hope even better results will
spring on the present occasion.
It is the intention of the Show
Committee to widen the scope
of the project this year, and it
is to be hoped that in their
praiseworthy efforts they will
have the support, financial and
otherwise, of the public gener-
ally. The success of the experi-
ment—and we think we may pro-
perly say that the project is still
largely experimental—will, if
attained, benefit the population
of this little island of ours, also
the ever-growing Kowloon as
well as the Chinese cultivators
of the soil. There can be no
doubt that much more could be
done agriculturally in the New
Territories than has yet been
even attempted or will ever be
done unless such work as the
Show Committee has in hand is
continued with zest. Support
such as that which we are pleased
to note has been given by the
Kowloon Resident's Association
should be more generally forth-
coming from the public, for
whom, as we have pointed
out, as well as for those
actually cultivating the soil, the
experiment is being made.

Quite a good deal is required
to be done and the more active
participants, there are moving
towards making the Show a
success the more successful it is
of course likely to be. The Com-
mittee, we have no doubt, will
welcome those willing to parti-
cipate as also those who are dis-
posed to support the project
financially and by their actual
presence at the Show on the 5th
and 6th proximo. In a matter
of this sort a very considerable
amount of work extending over
a long period has to be done by
many people, whose praiseworthy
efforts and enthusiasm will be
greatly stimulated if properly
supported as they deserve to be.
We wish the Show and all con-
nected with it every success.

It is only because of our obses-
sion with numbers that we think
we see a disproportional influence
in minorities. What we really see
is the operation of a better prin-
ciple of proportion, influence pro-
portioned not on the numerical
but on the spiritual principle.
There are always some minds
superior to most minds in their
understanding of the common
mind. And in nowise can the

common mind better vindicate its
sovereignty than by acceptance of
competent leadership.—Professor
William Monroe Balch, in "The
State and the Kingdom."

About 4,960 square feet of
land on Shamshui will be sold
by auction at the Public Works
Department on Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

The name of Miss Elaine Aslett
was inadvertently omitted from
the list of helpers in aid of the
St. Vincent de Paul's Rose Day
Drive.

Mr. D. G. Macavoy, of the local
office of the Asiatic Petroleum
Co., has sailed on the "President
Lincoln" for Japan where he is
to be married.

Miss M. Rosario, of the Dollar
Steamship Line, Shanghai, left
Hong Kong yesterday by the
"President Lincoln," after a holi-
day down here.

The forthcoming marriage is
announced of Mr. P. Gillespie,
prison warder, Victoria Prison
Quarters, to Miss C. M. Gill, No.
12, Church Lane-square, Edin-
burgh.

Mr. D. M. Biggar, manager of
the Equitable Eastern Banking
Corporation, Hong Kong, has
gone on a business trip to Shang-
hai, sailing on the "President
Lincoln."

Mr. A. C. Burford, land
bailiff, arrested three Chinese
boat-builders for trespassing on
Crown land, and, at the Kowloon
Magistracy yesterday, the de-
fendants were each fined \$5 by
Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Fifteen cases of small-pox were
notified in the Colony yesterday,
12 being from Kowloon, two from
the city, and one from Shaui-
wan. There was also a case of
diphtheria from the city. All
the patients are Chinese.

A Concert will be given at the
Helena May Institute on Thurs-
day, Dec. 13, at 5.30 p.m. The
following will take part:—Miss
Acheson, Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs.
Hargreaves Browne. In addi-
tion, a collection of songs will
be given by children. Tea tickets
must be booked in advance.—
Adv.

Cecil B. de Mille's great drama-
tic picture "The King of Kings"
is to have a further screening at
the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday
and Wednesday next in response
to numerous requests. Three
performances on each day will be
given commencing promptly at
2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m. Seats
may be booked in advance.

The Band of the 2nd Batt.
King's Own Scottish Borderers is
giving another Sunday after-
noon concert in the Botanic
Gardens, this time on Dec. 16,
from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Admission
is free to the gardens; to the en-
closure it is 50 cents; and special
chairs can be had for 50 cents
extra.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest of the
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs
appeared at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning to prosecute
ten men for taking part in a
"musical" procession without the
permission of the S.C.A. Mr.
F. H. Losely, who appeared for
all of the defendants, entered a
plea of "not guilty." The case
was adjourned until Monday,
Dec. 12.

Miss Thomas of No. 30, Sharp-
street East (1st floor) was sum-
moned before Major C. Willson,
O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy
this morning, for keeping a dog
without a licence and without a
muzzle. She pleaded not guilty
to both charges, pleading that
she had given the dog to a con-
vent Sister two months ago. The
dog, she contended, had come to
her house now and then. The
case was adjourned for a week.

A highway hold-up was
reported to the police yester-
day morning. According to
an old Chinese labourer who
stated that he was leaving
Cape d'Agular wireless
station to go home shortly before
dawn yesterday, he was attacked
by a couple of men the Shek O
road. He was knocked to the
ground by a big bamboo stick
and lost consciousness. Later
he found that he had lost \$50 in
money. The culprits could not
be recognised in the darkness.

A Chinese, who was arrested
in connection with a highway
robbery committed by four men
in Prince Edward road, on Nov.
12, was brought before Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday. The defendant
and three others, it was alleged,
attacked a man named Ng Sing-
hon of No. 167, Kowloon Tong,
at 1.30 a.m. on Nov. 12, when
he was riding in a ricksha in
Shanghai street. The robbers,
armed with daggers, stabbed Ng
on the thigh. The case was ad-
journed.

Mr. Ho Leung was summoned
before Major C. Willson, O.B.E.,
this morning for not muzzling
his dog on Nov. 29. On pleading
guilty to the charge, he was
fined \$4.

A tragedy occurred yesterday
when a tallyman employed at
the Kowloon Godown was killed
while cargo was being moved.
Although no-one appears to have
seen the accident it seems that
the unfortunate man had his
head crushed between two heavy
cases. The victim was at once
rushed to hospital, but he died
soon afterwards.

A Chinese was killed yesterday
when he tried to jump on to the
Shamshui wharf while the
ferry launch "Man King" was
going alongside at Shamshui,
from Hong Kong. Losing his
balance, the unfortunate man
was crushed between the launch
seawall. Deceased has not been
identified. He is believed to be
a broker. There was a similar
incident at the Yabmat Ferry
No. 1, when a Chinese boy living
at No. 346, Reclamation street,
injured himself through jumping
from the ferry on to the wharf.
His injuries are not serious.

TO SEND PETITION

CHINESE OPPOSITION TO STAMP BILL

CHAMBER'S DECISION

Opposition was voiced yester-
day at the monthly meeting of
the general committee of the
Hong Kong Chinese General
Chamber of Commerce towards
the proposed amendment of the
Stamp Ordinance.

A letter, setting out the hard-
ship on bona fide purchasers of
stocks and shares was read. The
letter was from the Native
Banks Association.

Depression of local trade was
referred to, also the crisis of
1925 and the subsequent slump.

The Chamber was asked to
obtain the help of the two Chi-
nese representatives on the
Legislative Council in opposing
the Bill.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun, chairman, in-
vited Mr. M. K. Lo, the Cham-
ber's legal adviser, to speak.

Legal View.
Mr. Lo stated that in 1921, a
similar Bill was introduced by
the Government. Realising the
harm which such legislation
would do to the business com-
munity of the Colony, the then
Chief Manager of the Hong Kong
& Shanghai Banking Corpora-
tion, expressed an opinion that
such an ordinance would be im-
practicable. The idea of taxing
transfer deeds was so vigorously
opposed that it was dropped and,
in its place, the Government in-
troduced a stamp duty on share
sale and purchase notes.

Mr. Lo also said that the Bill
merely stated that the object is
to prevent the Government from
being defrauded of its stamp re-
venue, but he failed to see why
the proposed amendment is neces-
sary.

Mr. Lo said that he is draw-
ing up a petition to be signed
by the different sections of the
business community.
After lengthy discussion, the
Chamber decided to forward a
petition as early as possible; the
wording is to be left to the
Chamber's executive committee.

WANTED!

CHINESE ORDERED TO BE DETAINED

KIDNAPPING INCIDENT

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E.
Lindsell, First Magistrate at the
Central Magistracy, made an or-
der for the detention of a Chi-
nese named Chan Ying-sam, alias
Leung Shing, who is wanted by
the Canton authorities on a
charge of kidnapping and hold-
ing for ransom two young Chi-
nese boys, sons of a wealthy
money-changer of Canton in
whose employ the accused had
been.

The effect of the Magistrate's
order is that the alleged fugitive
is committed to the Victoria Jail
pending his surrender to the
Canton authorities, which would
be made as soon as the extradi-
tition order is received from His
Excellency the Governor.

The customary period of de-
tention of a fugitive in Hong
Kong is a fortnight, during
which time he has the right to
 lodge an appeal on a writ of
Habeas Corpus.

Prisoner asked for further in-
vestigation to be made of his
case, claiming that he had been
formerly employed as a godown
hand at the Kowloon Wharf.
His name, he said was Leung
Shing, and he had never been
known by the name of Chan
Ying-sam. He declared that he
had been wrongly identified.
After prisoner had been in-
formed by the Magistrate of the
course still open to him, he was
led away by the police.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A student, having failed in his
exam., wired to his brother:
"Failed in exam., prepare father."
The brother telegraphed back:
"Father prepared; prepare your-
self."

A lady at sea in a gale became
very much frightened.

"Oh dear! Oh dear!" she cried.
"We shall all go to the bottom.
Mercy! How my head swims."
"Don't be afraid, madam," said
one of the sailors soothingly.
"You never can go to the bottom
while your head swims."

When Jones met Gibson, the
latter's lugubrious countenance
betokened trouble.

"What's the matter?" asked
the former.

"Oh, a question of money," was
the reply.

"Why, have you any difficulty
in meeting your expenses?"

"Not a bit. I'm always run-
ning into them!"

A cyclist was jerked off his
saddle by impact with a reckless-
ly-driven car, and thrown heavily
on to the pavement, where he lay
quite still, but conscious. An old
lady, who had witnessed the pro-
ceedings, walked up to him.

"Have you had an accident, my
good man?" she asked.

The unfortunate one raised
himself painfully.

"Oh, no, madam," he said, "we
arranged this to break the slab of
toffee in my pocket."

He was a stranger to the golf
club, but, having paid his half-
crown green fee, he was looking
round for some one to play with.

Presently a portly and pompous
individual in plus fours appeared
on the scene, and expressed him-
self only too willing to oblige.

"You're not a member, are
you?" he asked as they came to
the first tee.

"No," replied the other. "I
was just passing through, and
thought I'd like a game."

"Well," continued the portly in-
dividual in plus fours, "I am a
four man. What are you?"

"Me?" echoed the other. "I
am a straw at maker, guv'nor."

She: "Did your grandfather
live to a green old age?"

He: Well, I should say so! He
was swindled three times after
he was 70.

Smyth: "I'm a cosmopolitan.
My father was English, my
mother French, I was born in an
American ship off Naples, and
M'Pherson's my dentist."

Browne: "What's M'Pherson,
the dentist, got to do with it?"

Smyth: "Why, naturally, that
makes me of Scottish extraction!"

Elsie: "Yes, dear, my husband
is a doctor, and a lovely fellow,
but he is awfully absent-minded."

Ada: "Indeed?"

Elsie: "Only fancy. During
the marriage ceremony, when he
gave me the ring, he felt my
pulse and asked me to put out my
tongue."

Ada: "Well, he won't do the
latter again."

A barrister, who was extremely
severe in his manner of tackling
witnesses, often failed to bring
out an appropriate answer be-
cause he did not put himself on
the same verbal plane as his wit-
nesses.

"Did you speak too
jocosely," he asked one man.

"I don't know him," was the
answer.

The barrister repeated the
question with increased severity
of manner. "Did you speak too
jocosely?"

"I tell you," said the witness
angrily, "I don't know Joe
Cosely."

A certain famous actor some-
times shows interest in the lesser
lights about him. One day he
was conversing with one of his
stage hands.

"And what, my man, is your
vocation?" queried the con-
descending matinee idol.

"I'm a Baptist," was the reply.

"No, no, good fellow; that is
your belief. I want to know your
vocation. For example, I am an
actor."

Said the scene shifter, "Now,
that's your belief."

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

COPING WITH MOSQUITOES
MALARIA & SMALL-POX

USEFUL SERVICE

In response to an invitation from the Medical Department of the Government, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. undertook, before the summer, a series of popular lectures, on mosquito prevention, in the New Territories. This was done by the Y.M.C.A. unit of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade which sent lecturers to various centres, using material that had been prepared through the co-operation of Dr. Ware, of the Health Department.

A new and larger service is being undertaken by the same organisation during December and January. Two centres will be visited each week by a leader and four assistants, who will speak on malaria and small-pox and will provide free vaccination. The St. John's Ambulance Brigade has made full preparation for this service.

During December visits will be made to Sheung Shui and Fanling, on Dec. 8, by groups, under the leadership of Seto Chung and U Kai Cheung, respectively. Vaccination will begin from three o'clock in the afternoon. The lecture will be given at four o'clock.

The following week, on Dec. 15 and 16, Tai Po Market and Yuen Long will be visited under the leadership of Chan Wang-fat. 22 lectures will be given at Cheung Wang and Sum Shui-po, conducted by Cheung King-sung and Wong Ma-tai. On Dec. 29 the visits include To Wwa Wan and Kowloon City, led by U Kai-cheung and Ho Chung-yung. In January next year visits will take place, to Aberdeen, Chang Chow, Shau Ki Wan and Stanley. The leaders of these groups of lecturers are Wong Ma-ho, Chan Wing-fat, Seto Chung and Pang Shiu-kwai. All these men have had training and experience in this service and are supplied with fresh vaccine from the Bacteriological Institute.

"CHIEF MAQUILLA"

REPORTS OF FOUNDERING
CONFIRMED

Shanghai, Yesterday. The agents have received information that the "Chief Maquilla" foundered on Nov. 30, but no lives were lost.

The big Canadian grain-steamer, the "Chief Maquilla," carrying a crew of forty, on her way to Shanghai from Kildonan, British Columbia, sent out urgent S.O.S. messages when about fifteen hundred miles out of Kildonan.

The Japanese ship "Arabia Maru" immediately raced to the rescue.

The urgent wireless calls from the "Chief Maquilla" were picked up by many ships, and four ships, including her sister-ship, the "Chief Chino," rushed to assist the "Chief Maquilla," whose crew is composed of Chinese with white officers.

The vessel was commanded by Captain Scott, an Englishman.

It is believed that the cargo of grain shifted in the heavy seas, thus causing a dangerous list.—Reuter.

SIR MILES LAMPSON

Peking, Yesterday. Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, accompanied by Mr. Davidson, Mr. Sterndale Bennett and Mr. Harding, as cipher expert, proceeded to Nanking by train this morning. They expect to reach Nanking on Dec. 7, where they will stay with Mr. Hewlett, the British Consul. It is doubtful whether they will visit Shanghai during their present trip to the south.—Reuter.

THE CANTON FLIGHT

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Cheung Wai-cheung (Chief of Aviation in Canton), who, since he left Nanking has flown to Peking, Mukden and Tientsin, hopped off from Tientsin in his Ryan monoplane at 9 a.m. to-day and landed at the Hungjao aerodrome at 4.40 p.m. He was enthusiastically welcomed by many prominent Chinese.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The 70th Congress met for an hour to-day and devoted its time to formalities in connection with the opening. It then adjourned out of respect for members who had died during the recess. President Coolidge will make his annual address to Congress to-morrow.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday.—President Coolidge has submitted to the Senate Mr. Kellogg's Anti-War Pact for ratification.—Reuter's American Service.

Berlin is faced with a water problem. The River Spree is steadily running lower. It is now proposed to tap the River Oder, at a cost of £6,000,000.

YEO TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Potter Objects
Mr. R. A. Green of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was the next witness called.

He said that on Jan. 18 this year there was a discussion at the Bank at which Mr. Black and others were present. At no time during that discussion did the witness hear Mr. Black say that his signature on the disputed cheques was not his.

Mr. Potter protested against this evidence. He said that the point was never raised by the Crown but by Mr. Jenkin in the course of his cross-examination of Mr. Black. Therefore, Mr. Jenkin could not now call evidence to refute Mr. Black's statement.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he was not seeking to refute Mr. Black's statement. He was merely calling evidence as to what actually took place at the Bank.

His Lordship said that as Mr. Potter never raised that point, no purpose was served by Mr. Jenkin calling evidence on that point now.

Withdrawal
Mr. Jenkin replied that all he was concerned with was whether or not the evidence was admissible. He only wished for his Lordship's ruling on that point.

Mr. Justice Jackson ruled that the evidence was not admissible, whereupon Mr. Jenkin sat down.

A few moments later Mr. Potter rose and told his Lordship that he wished to withdraw his objection.

Mr. Jenkin: No, no, let it stand. His Lordship suggested that the matter should be put to the jury to decide.

Mr. Jenkin objected.

Would Not Go On

Mr. Potter said he was prepared to concede that the statement made by Mr. Black was a point in favour of the defence. As counsel for the Crown he could not say more.

Mr. Jenkin retorted that he was not going on with it. It was sufficient for him that his Lordship had ruled that Mr. Green's evidence was not admissible.

Mr. Potter suggested that his Lordship withdraw his ruling, which was done, but Mr. Jenkin said he would not go on under any circumstances. Remarking that they must be consistent in a case like this, Mr. Jenkin announced that he had closed his defence, as far as the calling of evidence was concerned.

Mr. Jenkin addressed the jury after tiffin.

KUBELIK'S VIOLIN

REFUSES \$51,000,000 FOR HIS
STRAD

Paris.—It is reported that Kubelik, the violinist, now in Paris, has refused an offer from America of a million dollars (\$200,000) for his famous Stradivarius, which he regards as priceless.

M. Jan Kubelik paid \$6,000 for his "Strad"—the wonderful "Emperor" which has bewitched audiences in England and all over the world.

A few years ago, when on a voyage to England for the first time after the war, the ship in which he was a passenger collided with another.

Before thinking of his own safety, Kubelik lashed a lifebelt to the case of the violin, but he had no occasion to use it. At that time the violin was valued at \$25,000.

The "Emperor" was bought by Kubelik in Leeds. While in Rio de Janeiro he read an advertisement in an English paper offering it for sale. On arriving in England he went to the Yorkshire town to make sure of it.

"RAMONA"

TO-DAY'S SUPER PICTURE
AT QUEEN'S

NEW FILM TITLES

Dolores del Rio, the beautiful star of "What Price Glory," "Loves of Carmen" and "Resurrection" will be seen in a role entirely suited to her, as a vivacious, fiery-tempered Indian maiden, in her latest picture "Ramona" which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

This great love story by Helen Hunt Jackson has been masterfully directed by Edwin Carewe. The noted director has caught the romantic spirit of early California in the colourful days of the Spanish Dons, and he has faithfully brought to life on the screen the beloved characters of the book.

Dolores del Rio is cast as "Ramona." Warner Baxter plays the part of Alessandro, the Indian. Roland Drew appears as a young Spanish nobleman and gives a splendid performance in his difficult role. Vera Lewis is the sinister menace of the story. Others in the cast include Carlos Amor, John T. Price and Mathilde Comont.

A race between two turtles with jabbering parrots on their backs and a novel idea in film titles are among the features of this splendid picture.

Lavish settings and superb photography, together with a delicate treatment of the story, mark "Ramona" as being distinctly out of the ordinary run of film romances.

A Real Peasant



M. Kalinin, President of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R., popularly known as "the President of Russia." He is a real peasant and the above picture was taken on his farm near Moscow.

A robbery was reported yesterday at No. 19, Tse Mu-terrace, Mongkok (2nd floor), and money and jewellery to the total value of \$850 was stolen. According to the report made to the police, it is suspected that a clansman of the complainant, who had been staying in the house on Dec. 1 and 2 and had left suddenly on Dec. 3, committed the robbery.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN
TO JAVA

Miss Vera Slomton, talented authoress of "Hell's Rhymer," sailed from Shanghai last Friday night for Manila.

Mr. R. N. Eames-Norman has been appointed manager and Mr. P. T. Pfankuchen, secretary of the International Country Club, Shanghai.

An Italian gentleman was recently with his wife and child at a cinema performance at the Peking Theatre, suddenly he complained of feeling unwell, and collapsed. Medical aid was sought immediately, and he was taken away.

Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy in the Far East, arrived in the Whangpoo (Shanghai) on board his flagship the s.s. "Pittsburgh." Admiral Bristol has been away on his annual inspection at Guam.

Mr. H. W. Robjohn, a well-known former resident of Hankow, is returning to that port after having lived in Shanghai and other parts for a number of years. He goes to Hankow in the interests of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

The following new members were elected at a meeting of the Straits Settlements (Singapore) Association in Singapore: Messrs. P. M. Scott, J. Broadbent, E. Gill, and G. E. Parrott, Dr. Choo Tek-guan, Mr. T. H. Dennis, Hon. Mr. G. G. Carew and Mr. E. H. Watson.

Dr. George W. Ridout and wife, in company with the Evangelistic Band of Bethel Mission, have been in Ningpo for two weeks holding evangelistic meetings. A very remarkable revival has taken place there, a report of which was given in brief by Dr. Ridout at Bethel Tabernacle.

Sir Henry Wickham, the well-known rubber pioneer, left estate the gross value of which is £13,235, net personality £10,938. He left his residence "Wickham" and the furniture it contained, as well as a number of shares to Miss Elhel Horseman as a reward for her devoted nursing, telegraphs the London correspondent of the Singapore "Free Press."

The Persidangan Bliu Club, Seremban, recently entertained their President, Mr. C. Y. B. Sewell, to a farewell tea-party on the occasion of his departure to Europe on furlough. Over 100 guests were present. An address in Malay was read and a group photograph was taken. At night there was a rousing. On a previous night there was a large gathering of the staff of the Survey Department, members of the Persidangan Bliu Club, and friends of Mr. Sewell, at the Seremban station, when he left by the mail train.

The marriage of Dr. M. Campbell Bain with Miss Ena Campbell, daughter of Sir John and Lady Campbell, Singapore, was solemnised at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, last week, the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell officiating. The bride was given away by Dr. M. W. Chill in the unavoidable absence of her father and brother. She was attended by Miss Dardie Mitchell and Miss Mabel Campbell as bridesmaids. Mr. G. Goldsack was best man and Mr. John Bright and Mr. David Preston acted as groomsmen. A reception was held at the Europe Hotel and was largely attended. The couple left for Brastagi.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Ramona."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Jazz Mad."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Man Power."

Dec. 6—World Theatre; "Safety Last."

Dec. 6—Star Theatre; "Across The Pacific."

Dec. 9—Queen's Theatre; "Swim Girl Swim."

Dec. 9—World Theatre; "Brown of Harvard."

Dec. 9—Star Theatre; "Behind The Front."

Dec. 11—Queen's Theatre; "The King of Kings."

Dec. 11—World Theatre; "The Road to Romance."

Dec. 11—Star Theatre; "Rough House Rosie."

Dec. 13—Queen's Theatre; "Barbed Wire."

Dec. 13—World Theatre; "The Prince of Pilsen."

Dec. 13—Star Theatre "The Escape."

Dec. 13—Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 14—Dinner Dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association. Booking closes on Dec. 11.

Dec. 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

Dec. 14—H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Company Dance, City Hall.

Dec. 16—Public Band Concert, Botanic Gardens, 4.50 p.m.

Dec. 19—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 4.30 p.m.

Land Sale

Dec. 10—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shamshuipo, 3 p.m.

Lammeris' Auctions

Dec. 6—At No. 5, Victoria Gardens, Kowloon household furniture, silver ware and curio and one upright grand piano by "Haake," 10.30 a.m.

Dec. 7—At Sales Room, Duddell-st. Toys etc., 10.30 a.m.

Sports

To-day—Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 6—Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI. v. Kai Tak R.A.F., 5 p.m.

Dec. 7—Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, "C" v. "D", 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 9—Fanning Hunt meet at Lok Ma Chau cross roads, 10.30 a.m.

Dec. 12—Fanning Hunt meet at Kennels, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 15—Fanning Hunt meet at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Dec. 6—Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Night, 9 p.m.

Dec. 9—Drawing of a Pontiac Six 5-seater sedan motor car at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's fête.

Dec. 11—Formal opening of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, by H.E. the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. at 4.30 p.m. and reception at the Hotel from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

December 14—Hong Kong Automobile Association's annual dinner dance, at Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

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MR. WINDHAM BALDWIN AS A
WORKING MAN
HUSTLING ROUND

Stourport (Worce.).—I have been
talking with the Prime Minister's
son. He came out of Baldwin's
steelworks to see me, writes a
correspondent of the London
"Evening Standard."

Not Mr. Oliver, the Labour poli-
tician, but his younger brother,
Mr. Windham Baldwin. He works
in a forge in the village of Willden,
and so far he has not thought of
going on any political platform.

He prefers steel to speech. If
ever he does make a speech, I shall
be surprised if anyone says, "He
sounds just like his father." Mr.
Windham Baldwin speaks much
more rapidly than does the Prime
Minister.

He is slender and pale, with dark-
rimmed glasses, and has a slightly
drooping reddish moustache so
that he does not bear a resemblance
to his father. Indeed, when his
call made me turn back down the
road to the forge (a clerk had
glanced into a little office and told
me that Mr. Baldwin was out) I
had one or two doubts.

Fond of His Job

But as we shook hands I saw
his pipe—a cherrywood considerably
bigger than any with which the
Prime Minister has been seen in
public. This encouraged me.

He mentioned that he is a
salaried employee, and I am con-
vinced that he is an excellent one.
He dislikes sparing a minute from
his job.

TOO MANY "DONT'S"

EAT, DRINK AND—BE
HEALTHY
GLUT OF ADVICE

Eat what you like, drink what
you like, wear what you like, do
what you like—all within reason
—and you will be doing your
health no harm.

This is, in effect, the advice
most doctors would give, in place
of the superabundance of confus-
ing health warnings offered to the
public.

"I believe the public are getting
to realise that it is good for a man
to eat and drink and do what he
likes, so long as he finds he can
go on liking it," said Mr. Bishop
Hartman, treasurer of the British
Medical Association, at a banquet
recently.

A well-known medical man told
the "Evening Standard" that Mr.
Hartman's view was shared by the
great majority of the profession.
He said:

"There is no doubt that a lot of
the advice given does a great deal
of harm. It makes people hypo-
chondriacal."

They Know Too Much

"People have become far more
introspective during the past few
years. They know far too much
about disease. They think they
have got all kinds of complaints,
they go to a doctor and he finds
there is nothing the matter with
them at all."

"It is all the fault of a few
members of the profession. You

OLD SAVOYARD

SIR GEORGE POWER, CREATOR
OF "RALPH RACKSTRAW"
IRISH BARONET

Sir George Power, Bart., one of
the original Savoyards, creator of
several Gilbert and Sullivan roles,
has died, aged 81.

A member of an old Irish fam-
ily, Sir George was educated at
Cheitenham College and Trinity
College, Dublin. He studied
music in Italy under Signors
Basilli, Graziuna, Lamperti, and
others, and made his first appear-
ance at the Opera House, Malta,
in 1875.

On coming to England he joined
the D'Oyly Carte company. He
created the parts of Ralph Rack-
straw in "H.M.S. Pinafore" and
Frederick in "The Pirates of Pen-
zance."

He succeeded to the title in
1903.

On retiring from the stage he
became a teacher of singing.

He married the daughter of Sir
Samuel Boulton in 1915. He
leaves no heir, the title passing to
his cousin.

Sir George, like most of his
fellow-Savoyards, used to describe
Gilbert as an absolute martinet.
He recalled Gilbert once remon-
strating with him at a rehearsal:
—

"Down on your knees, sir. Is
that the proper way to make love
to a lady?"

A memorial service was held at
St. Paul's Onslow-square, London.



DANISH CREW ENTERTAINED.—In honour of the Danish crew, who did so well at the Henli Regatta this autumn, a dinner party was given by the Danish community of Shanghai at the Cercle Sportif Francais on Nov. 16, when this group picture was taken. The crew are: Messrs. T. K. Jensen, stroke, C. F. Simonsen, P. M. Nielsen, W. Elmgreen and C. V. Jensen, coach, (all in photo).—(Ah Fong).

I told him that most people were
profoundly interested to know that
he was an employee in his father's
works.

"Why?" said Mr. Windham Bald-
win.

"I'm just one of the staff. Direc-
tor? Works manager? Not I!
"I'm nobody in particular. I'm
on the staff and I'm not a well-
known man. I work like every-
body else does. If you tell me
that's astonishing, I don't agree
with you."

"They tell me," I said, "that you
may soon join one of the political
parties."

"If they know that," he said, "
they know more than I do."

By this time Mr. Baldwin was
already as the foot of the stairs
leading to his office. There were
still several questions on which I
should have liked his opinion.

In a hurry

Trade unionism, for example—is
he a member of a union, and, if
so, would he be prepared to go on
strike?

I did, in fact, mention this as we
shook hands, but as Mr. Windham
Baldwin was already going up the
stairs three at a stride, I doubt
if he heard me.

I was leaving when there were
more rapid steps on the stairs.
The Prime Minister's son came
round a corner. He had a pen
and paper in his hands, and he was
in a hurry.

He smiled amiably, and I hasten-
ed to keep up with him for a few
strides down the corridor. But,
outpaced, I had barely time for a
last shot.

"Mr. Baldwin," I called to that
hurrying figure, "supposing you
were to enter politics. Would you
be on your father's side or on your
brother's?"

But I fancy already he was out
of range.

Moscow, Dec. 3.—As the result of
a storm in the Caspian Sea, the
River Volga has overflowed in the
neighbourhood of Astrakhan. Num-
bers of villages have been inundated
and people have been compelled to
take refuge in boats and on the
roofs of houses. Many houses have
been destroyed and a large number
of cattle drowned.—Reuter.

must not think that the profes-
sion is led by them. It laughs at
them.

"A little good instruction may
be necessary, but it should be
carefully censored. Most of the
advice given at present is hope-
lessly wrong. It is too extreme.
The general consensus of
medical opinion is that
people during the past few
generations have been greatly
overclothed—leading to a great
deal of weakness, but the pro-
fession does not recommend them
to go about completely naked."

"We have just had a summer
with an enormous amount of sun-
shine. Looking back upon it, we
have to consider whether we are
right in recommending vast quan-
tities of sunlight. Our experi-
ence has been that we have treat-
ed considerably more illness dur-
ing early September and October
than is usual at this time of the
year."

"When several doctors write
different advice for the same dis-
ease at the same time, what good
can it be to anybody? I most cer-
tainly would not follow most of
the advice I read."

Dr. Bougrat, the Marseilles
doctor, who murdered a patient
and escaped from the penal settle-
ment in French Guiana into
Venezuela, has been arrested there.

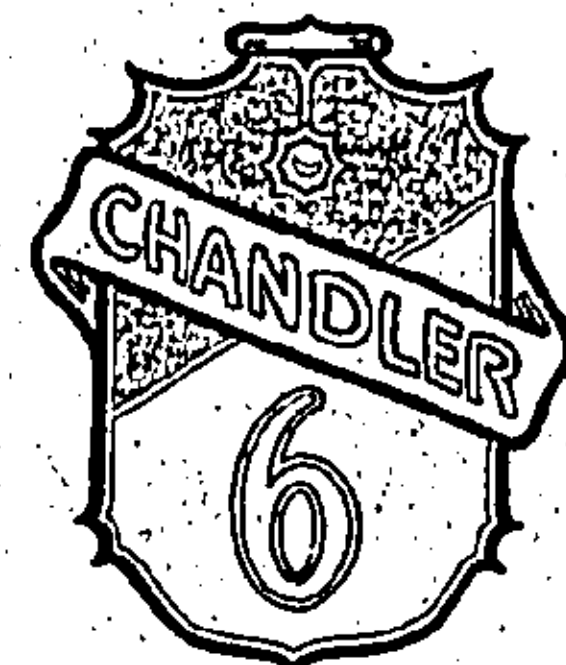
General Primo de Rivera, the
Spanish Dictator, stated that there
was absolutely nothing to justify
the quotation of the peseta at such
a low level.

TROJAN
TRUCKS

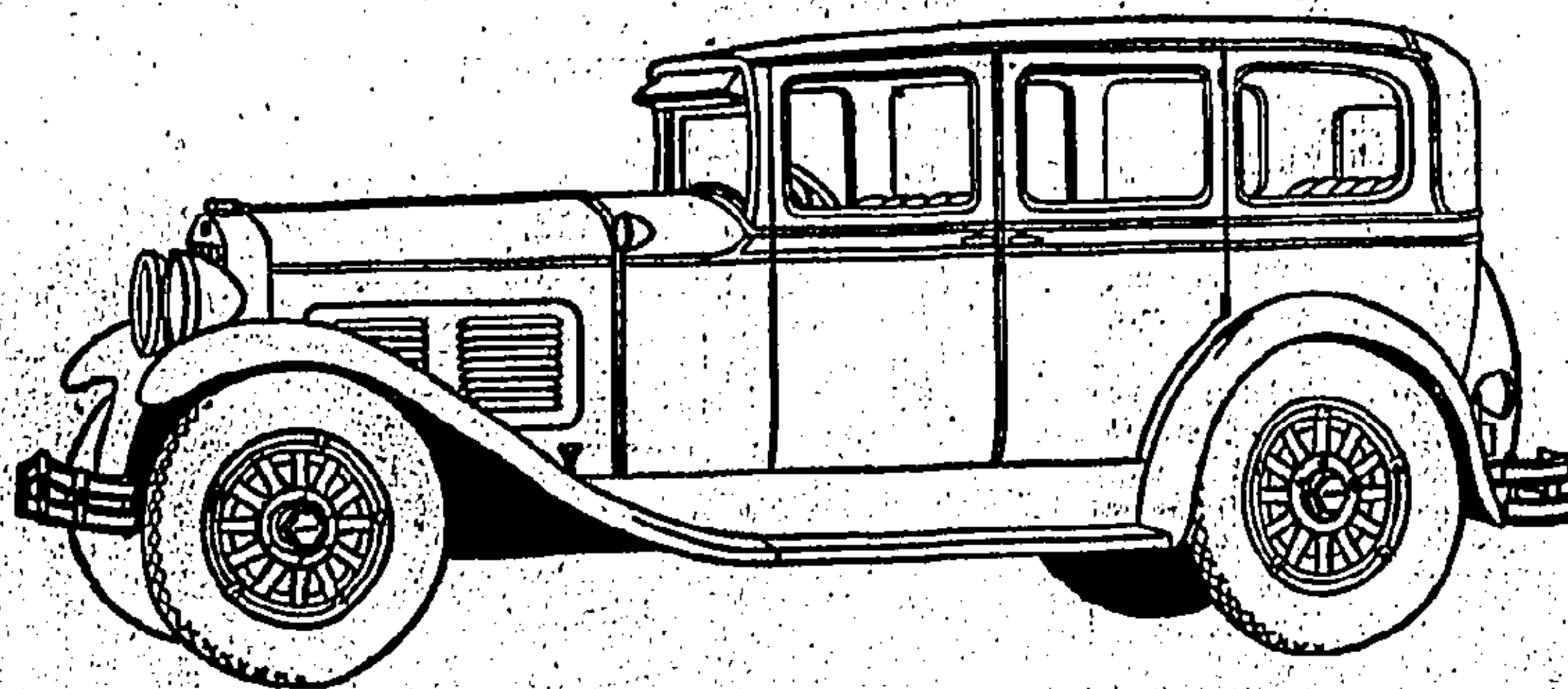
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Luxurious Pyjamas



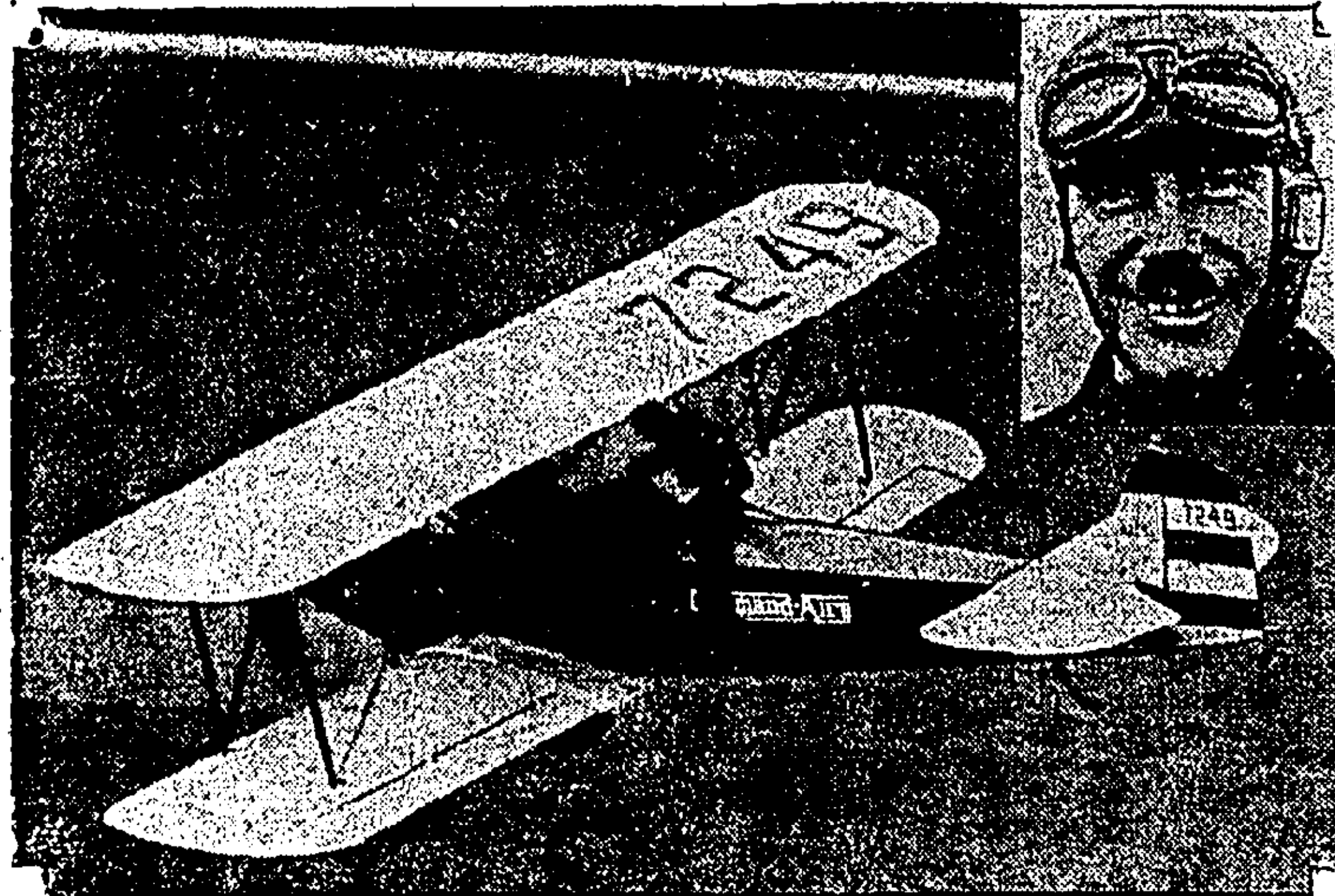
This French three-piece pyjama suit was designed primarily for the boudoir. The coat is of citronelle transparent velvet, with tuks on sleeves and hem; the vest is of white satin; and the trousers of black satin, tucked at the cuffs.

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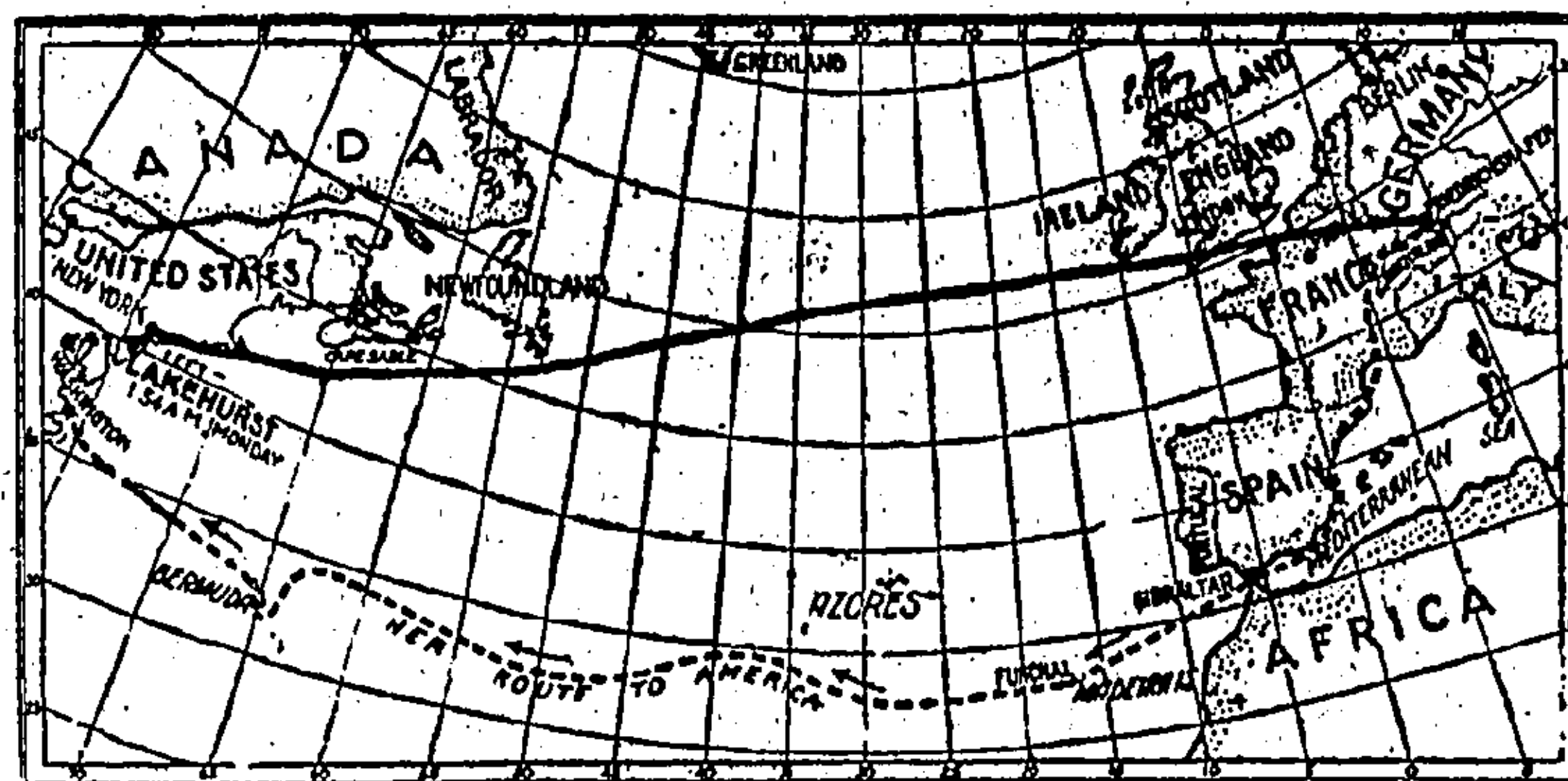
Three poses of Mme. Maria Jeriza, the best-dressed star of the operatic stage, who says she has "much too much" clothes and envies the shopgirl who has only a work dress and a "Sunday best." Left, the star in her Carmen costume; right, as she appeared when travelling; and, below, close-up of madame in the floppy felt hat she affects. She spends \$10,000 a year on clothes.

Plane Flies Unguided by Pilot



More than a mile above the ground, this Commandaire biplane flew with no human hand on the controls for a matter of half an hour. The experiment was made by Captain "Bill" Vermilya above the Municipal Airport at Chicago, an International Newsreel cameraman accompanying him in another craft to photograph the exploit. Notice the pilot climbing out of the cockpit, leaving the "stick" to itself.

Homeward Route of the "Graf Zeppelin"



The giant dirigible's course from Germany to America, and her bee-line route home are shown on the above map.

To Wed Princess?



Prince Christopher of Greece, widow of Mrs. William B. Leeds, who is reported to be engaged to the Princess Francoise, daughter of the Duke de Guise of France.

Stowed Away



Clarence Terhune, 19, of St. Louis, who stowed away on the "Graf Zeppelin," was made a hero—and then not heard of again.

"Venus Dancer" Free to Wed Ideal



Happy days are ahead for Dorothea St. Claire Cardillo, Eno, described by critics as the "Venus Dancer" of Broadway, for, with the granting of an interlocutory decree of divorce, she is free to wed James Plake Collins at the end of three months; that is, provided Collins's wife, Mrs. Elsie Bram Collins, proceeds with her announced intention of divorcing him. The couple are shown above.

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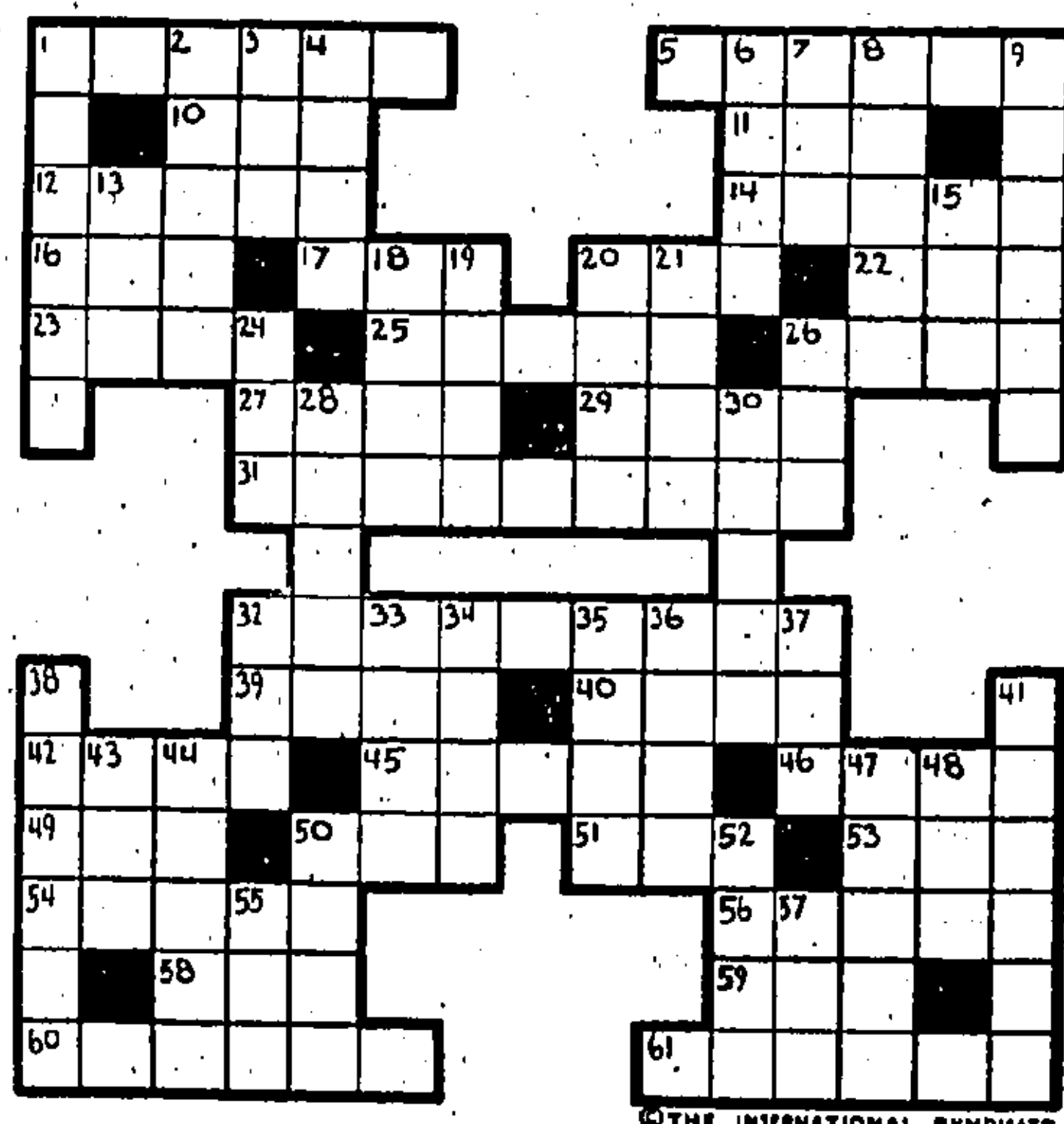
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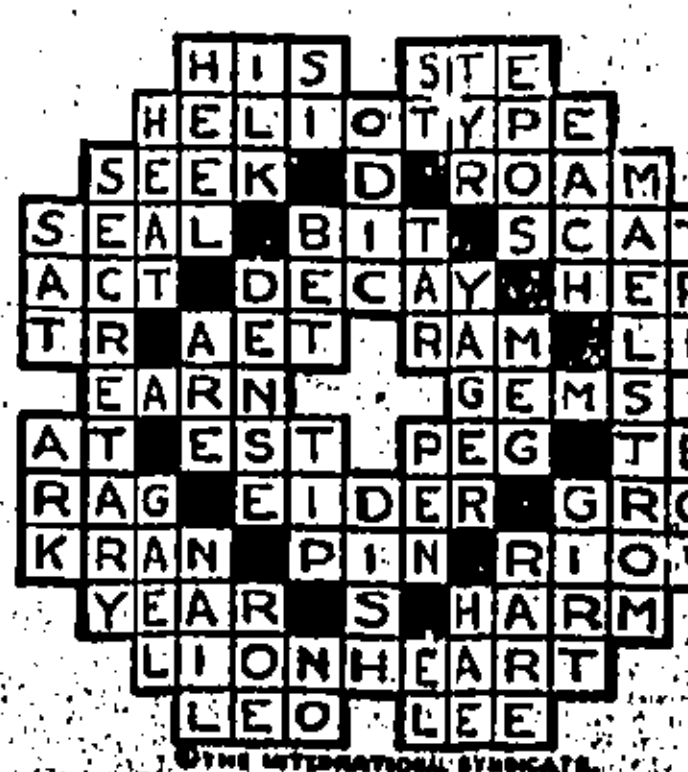
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Heavy cloth for coats
 - 5-A woven material
 - 10-A meadow
 - 11-Note of the dove
 - 12-Sloop
 - 14-Mother (Latin)
 - 16-A Scottish cap
 - 17-Possessive
 - 20-An insect
 - 22-To make by tatting
 - 23-Notable periods
 - 25-Pure
 - 26-Combining form
 - 27-To reverberate
 - 28-The Eternal City
 - 31-A famous American editor
 - 32-Referring to Bengal
 - 33-To the ice side
 - 40-Greek god of war
 - 42-To separate
 - 43-Rod used for beating time
 - 44-The wife of Abraham
 - 49-A heavy beer
 - 50-On account of
 - 51-Born (French)
 - 52-To shut out
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 54-An English general; founded British Indian Empire
 - 55-A kind of balloon
 - 56-Short for Nathaniel
 - 58-Free of
 - 60-An island in the S. Pacific
 - 61-Pertaining to the present period
- VERTICAL**
- 1-To summon and gather together, as troops
 - 2-A cameloid ruminant of S. America
 - 3-Half a score
 - 4-An impression
 - 5-The highest point
 - 7-A huge snake
 - 8-Medieval musical instrument
 - 9-American writer and lecturer
 - 13-A household god
 - 15-The head, as of wheat
 - 18-Elm (German)
 - 19-A sill
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 20-An English-American woman novelist
 - 21-A son of Seth (Bible)
 - 24-To make with a needle
 - 26-To indite
 - 28-A desert animal
 - 30-Inventor of the airplane
 - 32-Club used in cricket
 - 33-A mountain in Moab (Bible)
 - 34-A cog-wheel
 - 35-A town in N. France
 - 36-An eagle
 - 37-Feminine suffix
 - 38-A horse American Indian
 - 41-Large game-fish
 - 43-Quite
 - 44-Holds in check
 - 45-To remain
 - 46-To batter
 - 50-A holiday
 - 52-A river in N. E. Spain
 - 55-Large tub
 - 57-A hat (slang)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and Mainland is published:-

Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Altitude)	297
Tai Mo Shan	5124
Mainland	Feet
Tai Mo Shan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1971

724 RUNS BEHIND

(Continued from Page 9.)

Hendren batted for 56 minutes, showing some splendid driving. He hit two sixes and five fours and was much more vivacious than when he was fighting with his back to the wall on Saturday. He made 45 before succumbing to a catch by Ponsford off Grimmett. The total was then 228 for five wickets. He and Jardine collected 63 runs—the most profitable partnership of the innings.

One after another, the in-going English batsmen opened their shoulders to the tired Australian bowling, doing so effectively, but Jardine preferred defence.

Bowlers Make Runs

After Hendren was Chapman, the captain. He and Jardine added 85 runs, making the score 263 for six; Chapman contributing 27 of the 35. The English skipper was caught by Oldfield (wicket-keeper) off Grimmett. There were four fours in his 27.

Maurice Tate was in for seven minutes of hard hitting, Reuter adds, during which he hit four fours. His score was 20. His partnership with Jardine produced 22 runs—285 for seven, and he was caught by Bradman, Grimmett again being the bowler.

Larwood made runs again. In for 32 minutes, he knocked up 37 (including six fours), adding 57 with Jardine. He was caught off Grimmett, by Ponsford, giving the last-named his fourth catch of the match, two in each innings.

The total had reached 342 for eight wickets and here Chapman declared.

Jardine, who had gone in before lunch, was batting for 8 hours and 8 minutes. He hit eight fours in his innings of 65. He kept his end up while 225 runs were made for England.

The whole (2nd) innings lasted four minutes short of six hours. Only five extras were conceded.

England had a lead of 741 runs when Chapman put on the closure.

Woodfull and Ponsford opened Australia's 2nd innings, as they did the 1st. They were soon separated. Ponsford provided Duckworth (on his maiden tour) with his first victim, the wicket-keeper bringing off a catch off one of Larwood's fast ones. Ponsford had scored six and Woodfull had not opened his account.—One wicket for six runs!

Kippax and Woodfull then defended successfully until bad light intervened and stumps were drawn for the day. Woodfull got four and Kippax six. One extra was scored. The total was therefore 17 for one, leaving Australia 724 in arrears.

Not one of the England batsmen has failed. Larwood and Tate did well with the ball in Australia's 1st innings, particularly the former after his hefty efforts with the bat.

Hendren stuck in during the 1st innings and Jardine was the defender yesterday.

Eight "L.B.W.'s"

Grimmett took nine wickets in the match, conceding 293 runs. It is true; but his work in the 2nd innings is praiseworthy because he did not have Gregory or Kelleway to help him.

Eight batsmen have been given out l.b.w., Mead twice, to the same bowler!

Ponsford has had four catches, Woodfull two. The former's batting did not come off.

Scoring has been slow, not one of the four days so far having produced 300 runs.

Scores at close of play yesterday are appended. Should reports of to-day's play be received in time, same will be found on page 1 and later cables, if any, on page 6 (as in the subscribers' edition, of the "China Mail" yesterday).

England—1st Innings

J. B. Hobbs, run out	49
H. Sutcliffe, c Ponsford, b Gregory	38
C. P. Mead, l.b.w., b Grimmett	8
W. R. Hammond, c Woodfull, b Gregory	44
D. R. Jardine, c Woodfull, b Ironmonger	35
E. Hendren, c Ponsford, b Ironmonger	169
A. P. F. Chapman (captain), c Kelleway, b Gregory	50
M. W. Tate, c Ryder, b Grimmett	26
H. Larwood, l.b.w., b Hendry	70
J. C. White, l.b.w., b Grimmett	14
G. Duckworth, not out	5
Extras	13

Total 521
Fall of wickets: 1 for 85 runs (Sutcliffe), 2 for 92 runs (Hobbs), 3 for 108 runs (Mead), 4 for 161 runs (Hammond), 5 for 217 runs



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(Jardine), 6 for 291 runs (Chapman), 7 for 319 runs (Tate), 8 for 448 runs (Larwood), 9 for 495 runs (White), 10 for 521 runs (Hendren).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs	Wickets
Gregory	142	3
Grimmett	187	8
Ironmonger	79	2
Hendry	?	1

Australia—1st Innings

W. M. Woodfull, c Chapman, b Larwood	0
W. H. Ponsford, b Larwood	2
A. F. Kippax, c & b Tate	16
H. L. Hendry, l.b.w., b Larwood	30
C. Kelleway, b Larwood	8
J. S. Ryder (captain), c Jardine, b Larwood	33
D. Bradman, l.b.w., b Tate	18
W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w., b Tate	4
C. V. Grimmett, not out	7
H. Ironmonger, b Larwood	2
Extras	2

Total 122
J. M. Gregory absent, hurt.
Fall of wickets: 1 for 0 run (Woodfull), 2 for 7 runs (Ponsford), 3 for 24 runs (Kippax), 4 for 40 runs (Kelleway), 5 for 71 runs (Hendry), 6 for 101 runs (Bradman), 7 for 105 runs (Oldfield), 8 for 116 runs (Ryder), 9 for 122 runs (Ironmonger).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	14.4	4	32	6
Tate	21	6	50	3

England—2nd Innings

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., b Grimmett	11
H. Sutcliffe, c sub., b Ironmonger	32
C. P. Mead, l.b.w., b Grimmett	72
W. R. Hammond, c sub., b Ironmonger	28
D. R. Jardine, not out	65
E. Hendren, c Ponsford, b Grimmett	45
A. P. F. Chapman, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	27
M. W. Tate, c Bradman, b Grimmett	20
H. Larwood, c Ponsford, b Grimmett	37
Extras	5

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 342
L. J. C. White, G. Duckworth did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 25 runs (Hobbs), 2 for 69 runs (Sutcliffe), 3 for 117 runs (Hammond), 4 for 165 runs (Mead), 5 for 223 runs (Hendren), 6 for 263 runs (Chapman), 7 for 285 runs (Tate), 8 for 342 runs (Larwood).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	W.
Grimmett	181	6
Ironmonger	85	2

Australia—2nd Innings

W. M. Woodfull, not out	4
W. H. Ponsford, c Duckworth, b Larwood	6
A. F. Kippax, not out	6
Extra	1

Total (for 1 wkt.) 17

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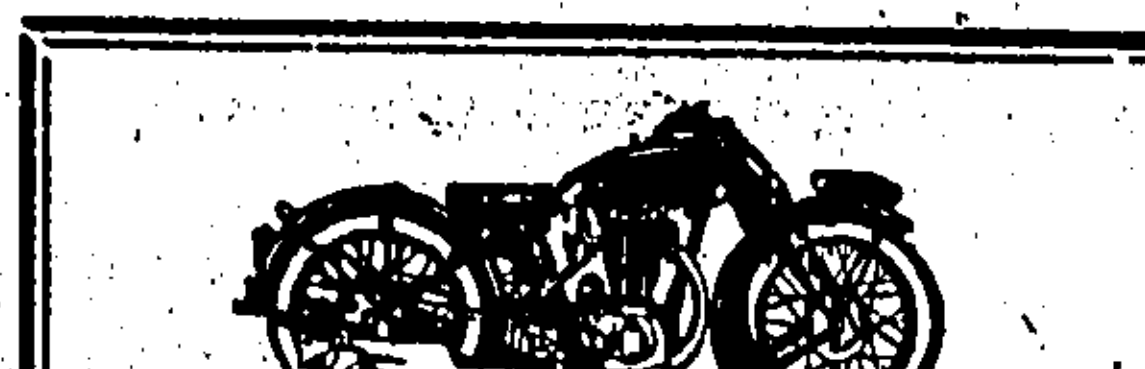


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A FRESH STEP

QUESTION DISCUSSED BY U. S.
NAVAL COMMITTEE

THE "DOOR OPENED"

Washington, Yesterday.
The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives heard Mr. Baldwin's reply to Mr. Britten's suggestion for an Inter-Parliamentary Naval Conference.

Mr. Britten lengthily explained that the purpose was to "end the everlasting talk of comparative naval strength."

The Committee adopted a resolution reiterating its desire for the extension of a 553 ratio to all classes of warships.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Britten-Baldwin correspondence opened the door to another conference between Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States, and the question was which head of those Governments would take the initiative.

—Reuter's American Service.

RUHR PROBLEM

GERMAN OBLIGATIONS NOT
DISCHARGED

THE "VERSAILLES SPIRIT"

London, Dec. 3.
Germany's demand for the immediate evacuation of the Rhineland on the ground that she has carried out all her Treaty obligations, was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day, when Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, gave a definite denial to the claim that Germany had complied.

The Foreign Secretary was asked whether it was the opinion of the Government that the German Government had carried out the terms of Article 431 of the Peace Treaty, and if not, whether the particulars in which Germany had not complied could be stated.

Sir A. Chamberlain's Reply
Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "There are two aspects of this question. This particular enquiry relates to the interpretation of the Treaty and is a question of law. There is also the question of policy."

"On the question of law, His Majesty's Government have been advised that there is no legal justification for the contention that Germany has complied with all the obligations imposed upon her by the Treaty so to entitle her, as a right, under Article 431, or otherwise, to demand the withdrawal of forces at present occupying the Rhineland, before the expiry of the period laid down in the Treaty."

Outstanding Reparations
"The chief obligation with which Germany has not yet complied is that of reparations. In the opinion of the British Government, the concession provided for in Article 431 could only take effect when Germany has completely executed and discharged the whole of her reparation obligations."

"It is not sufficient that she should be carrying out regularly her undertakings in the matter of current reparations payments."

"The phrase applicable to the punctual performance of current obligations is that used at the beginning of the Article providing for five-yearly reduction, namely Article 429. The phrase is: 'If the conditions of the present Treaty are faithfully observed.'"

Evacuation
"As to the question of policy, which is equally important, though decided by different considerations, I repeat that His Majesty's Government would welcome the early evacuation of the Rhineland by French, British and Belgian forces irrespective of the legal rights of the ex-Allied Governments to continue their occupation until the expiry of the period fixed by the Treaty."

Sir Austen said in the Commons a few days ago that the British Government had had no occasion to make any communication to either the French or the German Governments regarding the withdrawal of British troops in the Rhineland as distinct from the

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London, Yesterday.
The number of unemployed, according to the latest return, is 1,355,500.
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A SWAYING BATTLE

(Continued from Page 1.)
three of themto summon and hold, on our behalf, our Privy Council and carry out other royal functions with power to dissolve Parliament and grant peerages without special authority specifically withheld.

Hong-Kong's Sympathy
The following is a translation of a code telegram from the Office Administering the Government of Hong Kong to the Secretary of State, London, dated December 3:—

The people of Hong Kong have received with feelings of the deepest regret the news of His Majesty's continued illness. On behalf of the whole Colony I tender our humble duty to His Majesty and our heartfelt prayers for His Majesty's early restoration to complete health and strength together with our sincerest sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family in their anxiety.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

To the above the following reply was received:—
With reference to your telegram of December 3, please accept expression of Their Majesties' appreciation and thanks.

SECRETARY OF STATE.
The Prince of Wales.
Rome, Yesterday.
At the request of the British Embassy the Italian Government has arranged a special train from Brindisi for the Prince of Wales which it is expected will enable him to reach London in 40 hours. It is anticipated that he will land at Brindisi early on Monday and proceed direct to Calais via Turin and Paris.

The Vital Period
The King's illness has now lasted fourteen days. The more favourable news in yesterday's and this morning's bulletins has greatly encouraged the hopes that His Majesty's strength will enable him to tide over the vital period of the next day or two. The improvement in the condition of his lungs indicated by the doctors will serve, it is generally believed, to relieve the strain on the heart which is always involved in an illness of this nature.

Small doses of oxygen were given him on Sunday night and helped his resistance. It was administered not as an extreme measure, but as a means of aiding the breathing, and its effects were good.

"A Quieter Night"
The bulletin issued at 10.30 a.m. states that the King passed a quiet night, though anxiety concerning his heart must continue. The improvement noted yesterday evening has so far been satisfactorily maintained.

Reuter learns that the King's physicians are now awaiting an increase in His Majesty's strength. Their anxiety at present centres almost entirely on the condition of the heart. It is hoped that if the King secures a restful day, a further improvement in his condition may be recorded in to-night's bulletin.

A brief Privy Council meeting was held at the Palace, and was attended by Mr. Baldwin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Davidson, the Home Secretary, the Duke of York and Sir Maurice Hankey.

evacuation by all three occupying Powers.

The "Versailles Spirit"
"The revival of the Versailles spirit" as Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement in the Commons last night has been described, has disappeared from political circles. The statement that Germany can only demand the fulfilment of Article 431 of the Peace Treaty when she has entirely carried out her reparation obligations is held to pre-judge the present international situation, and jeopardises Locarno principles.—British Wireless Service.

"HSIN CHI" PIRATES IN JAIL

9 HELD AT FOOCHEW

SEQUEL TO BURNING OF SHIP IN
DISTRESS

CAPTURE BY H.M.S. "SERAPIS"

Nearly a month has elapsed since H.M.S. "Serapis," of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, China Fleet, captured two junkloads of Chinese pirates and word has come through now to the effect that the latter are still awaiting trial.

The Chinese s.s. "Hsin Chi" went aground in a fog at Tai Island on Nov. 10. "Serapis," from Hong Kong proceeded to her assistance. When the destroyer got there she found the "Hsin Chi" burning and that she had been looted and fired by pirates who had come up in junks.

Two of these junks were captured, with loot, some of the crew, and 19 pirates. They were handed over by "Serapis" to the Chinese gunboat "Kiang Yuen" which, presumably, is under the jurisdiction of the Fukien Provincial Government at Foochow. The "Kiang Yuen" took the junks to Foochow. These junks are now reported, in a British Naval wireless despatch, to have been confiscated by the Chinese Government. The 19 pirates are still in custody in Foochow, waiting to be tried.

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London, Yesterday.
Clergy from all parts of the world representing many denominations were present in Canterbury Cathedral to-day when the enthronement of Doctor Cosmo Gordon Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England was conducted with impressive ceremonial. Owing to the King's illness some notable persons, including the Prime Minister, were prevented from attending, but the ritual appropriate to the occasion was carried out in full before a congregation of 4,500.

In accordance with precedent the Archbishop was placed in the archiepiscopal throne by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. The Dean of Canterbury while the anthem was sung conducted the Archbishop to the marble chair of Saint Augustine, where he was seated as a symbol that he is successor of Augustine.

His Grace gave his first blessing at the high altar, and, while the congregation remained kneeling, he moved to the steps by the choir screen to bless the people in the nave, and then to the open space outside the west door of the Cathedral to bless the city and country and people.—British Wireless Service.

AFGHAN REVOLT

KING AMANULLAH'S PALACE
BURNED

TRIBES TAKING SIDES

Peshawar, Dec. 3.
The rebellion in Afghanistan appears to be extending rapidly, and the situation is becoming increasingly grave. In the course of the past few days, incendiaries have been at work in the vicinity of the Royal Palace at Jelalabad and much damage has been done in spite of the strengthening of the Royal Guards.

Reports from the eastern regions of Afghanistan indicate that the first tribe to revolt, the Shinwaris have now been joined by the Khugianis and the Mohmands.

The Shinwaris have hitherto been active only on the Dakka side of Jelalabad, but it is now reported that the roads on both sides of the city have been cut by the rebels. Jelalabad is now in a state of siege, the Government forces being for the time being outnumbered.

The Royal Palace, which is outside the walls of the city, is stated to have been burned, together with the hangars at the local aerodrome. Some fresh assistance for King Amanullah is expected shortly. It is stated that three other tribes, the Tidis, the Mangals, and the Aljaris have arrived to help the Government forces.—Reuter.

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